

## **Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP)**

- The CFSP is the annual plan submitted by states to the federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) for federal child welfare block grant funds and to provide information on services delivered using the federal funds. The CFSP includes state plans for federal funds in the coming federal fiscal year (FFY) and annual progress reports for those programs. The progress reports are based primarily on the previous calendar year. Wisconsin submits an integrated CSFP with the state plans and progress reports in a single document.
- The Wisconsin CFSP includes the state plans for Title IV-B Subpart I (Child Welfare Services), IV-B Subpart II (Promoting Safe and Stable Families), Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (CFCIP), and Chafee Education and Training Vouchers (ETV) funds. The CFSP also includes annual progress reports for those programs. The Wisconsin CFSP also includes sections on the Adoption Program and Tribal Child Welfare, although no federal funds are associated with those sections of the CFSP.
- The CFSP outlines strategic goals for the Wisconsin child welfare program. The FFY 2005 plan included goals for the five-year period of FFY 2005 – 2009, most of which correspond with goals in the Program Enhancement Plan (PEP). The overarching goals include:
  1. Help families strengthen their capacity to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their children;
  2. Improve Wisconsin's capacity to provide quality foster care to children when they cannot be safe at home;
  3. Strengthen and diversify the child welfare workforce and build our capacity to serve families and keep children safe;
  4. Assure that the expectations of families and the actions of child welfare professionals are guided by clear and comprehensive policies and standards of practice;
  5. Collaborate with agencies and systems to improve family access to services that ensure children are safe and healthy;
  6. Improve the quality and usefulness of information needed to evaluate the safety, permanence and well being of children; and
  7. Assure the quality and effectiveness of services for children and families by regularly reviewing our programs and practices.
- The federal funds included in the CFSP are used in the following manner. There is little change from year to year in the use of funds and Wisconsin's allocations remain relatively constant, although the amounts of IV-B Subpart and Chafee funds are declining.
  1. IV-B Subpart 1 funds are used for Community Aids, Youth Aids and Runaway Services.
  2. IV-B Subpart II funds are used for County and Tribal local PSSF program, Adoption Services, Tribal Child Welfare Training, Coordinated Services Teams, and special projects.
  3. CAPTA funds are used for training and technical assistance related to child protective services and prevention programs.
  4. Chafee CFCIP and ETV funds are used for County and Tribal Independent Living Services, Juvenile Corrections Independent Living Services, Scholarships, and special projects.